

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY -- PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application entitled: FOOTBOARD/HEADBOARD TO SIDERAIL GAP FILLER APPARATUS the specification of which

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                   PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
                   and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

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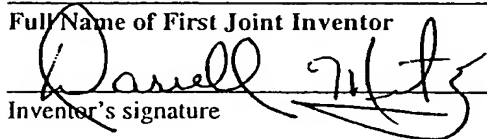
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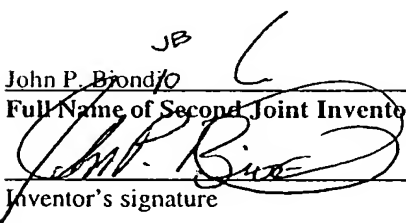
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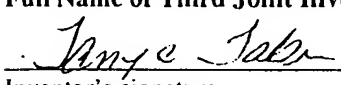
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